



**ARIZONA BOARD OF ATHLETIC TRAINING**

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Dear Licensee,

In April of this year the Arizona State Legislature passed, and the Governor signed into law, three very important pieces of legislation that took effect on July 29, 2010.

HB 2074 continues the Arizona Board of Athletic Training pursuant to ARS § 41-2955. The Board will continue to promote the safe and professional practice of athletic training until July 1, 2020.

SB1326 amended Title 32 Chapter 41 of The Arizona Revised Statutes so that the practice of Athletic Training in Arizona:

- reflects education and national practice trends.
- provides uniform scope of practice across all athletic training work settings.
- allows Athletic Trainers to care for ill athletes.
- encourages physician direction through qualified immunity protection.

HB 2142, the third and final piece of legislation, also amended Title 32 Chapter 41 of The Arizona Revised Statutes to enhance the effectiveness of the Arizona Board of Athletic Training and to improve the Board's organization and administration by implementing shared decision making regarding personnel. The amendment also creates a fund separate from the Occupational Therapy Fund. Some of the key changes now allow the Board of Athletic Training to:

- appoint advisory committees to assist in the performance of its duties.
- report any violations to a County Attorney, the Attorney General, a Federal Agency or a State or National Organization.
- share equally with the Arizona Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners in the selection of an Executive Director who shall serve both boards.
- select staff or direct the Executive Director to select staff to serve the Board.
- establish the Athletic Training Fund.
- require all applicants to provide a full set of fingerprints to the Board at the applicants' expense and/or a current AZDPS clearance card.
- designate the letters "AT" and/or the title Athletic Trainer in connection with the Athletic Trainers name or place of business.

The Board would also like to take this opportunity to remind licensees, pursuant to ARS § 32-4128, of the serious nature of being truthful on initial and renewal applications under "Disciplinary Questions" and pursuant to ARS § 32-4151 (D), that Athletic Trainers are not authorized to treat athletic illness at any time other than during a person's participation in, or preparation for, games or sports, or participation in recreational activities or physical fitness activities.

You're encouraged to read and familiarize yourself with the laws that govern the practice of athletic training in Arizona. Copies may be obtained by visiting our web site at <http://www.at.az.gov/>. If you have questions once you've read them, please submit them in writing to our Executive Director, J. Randy Frost.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurie McKenzie White', written over a horizontal line.

Laurie McKenzie White, MS, AT  
Chair, Board of Athletic Training